



GSA Awards GRITS II Telecommunications Contract

GSA Federal Acquisition Service awarded the **GSA Region 4 Integrated Telecommunications Services (GRITS II)** contract effective 1 April 2013, which enables Federal agencies to realize significant savings off tariff rates for local telecommunication services.

GRITS II Features:

- Indefinite Delivery, Indefinite Quantity, multiple-award, fixed price, performance-based contract with an Economic Price Adjustment.
- Wide Range Services: Voice, Data, Video, Converged Services, Other Wired Telecommunication Services (within NAICS code 517110)
- Competed Prices. Significant savings through discounted negotiated prices, which provide up to 67% savings off tariff rates.
- Direct Order/Direct Bill - 5% user fee.
- GSA Assisted Ordering and Billing - GSA partners with customers to:
 - Define requirements, identify solutions, order services.
 - Manages provision of services, manages billing operations.

GRITS II Benefits:

- Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) compliant.
- Contracts are pre-competed and easy to use.
- Shorter procurement lead-time.

- Orders must originate within Region 4 (GA, SC, FL, NC, AL, TN, KY, MS) but may terminate anywhere in CONUS.
- 4-year base period with two, three-year options to extend.
- Contracts are not subject to protest when written in compliance with the master contract.

Telecommunication services within Region 4 were competitively advertised and awarded to the following providers:

- Core Technologies *
- Frontier Communications
- Futron*
- Level 3 Communications
- SBC Global Services d/b/a AT&T
- tw telecom (Time Warner)
- Windstream Communications
- Verizon Federal

*Futron and Core Technologies are small businesses. Set-asides within the Simplified Acquisition Threshold apply for some services, contact the telephone number provided for more details.

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